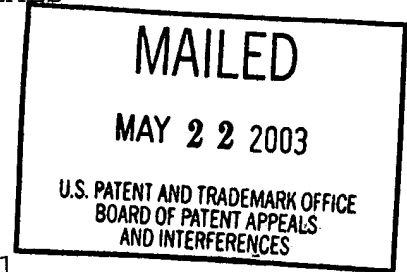


UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

BEFORE THE BOARD OF PATENT APPEALS
AND INTERFERENCES

Ex parte TZYH-CHYANG
and YU ZHANG

Application 09/160,991



ORDER RETURNING UNDOCKETED APPEAL TO EXAMINER

This application was received at the Board of Patent Appeals and Interferences on April 25, 2003. A review of the application has revealed that the application is not ready for docketing as an appeal. Accordingly, the application is herewith being returned to the examiner. The matters requiring attention prior to docketing are identified below.

A Reply Brief was filed on April 2, 2003. This Reply Brief needs to be assigned a Paper No. on the "CONTENTS" portion of the application file. The Reply Brief also needs to be considered by the examiner with respect to compliance with the criteria set forth in 37 CFR § 1.193(b)(1) which states:

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(b) (1) ... The primary examiner must either acknowledge receipt and entry of the reply brief or withdraw the final rejection and reopen prosecution to respond to the reply brief.

Accordingly, it is

ORDERED that the application is returned to the examiner for: 1) providing a paper Number to the Reply Brief and entry in to the application record, 2) consideration of the reply brief, and 3) for such further action as may be appropriate.

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